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New Jersey's Corn for Grain Production Down 27 Percent from Previous Year

- **Corn for grain** production is estimated at 7.56 million bushels, down 27 percent from last year's crop. Yield is estimated at 122 bushels per acre, 21 bushels below the 2004 yield. The 10-year (1995-2004) state average yield is 101.9 bushels per harvested acre. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 62,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from last year.
- **Corn for silage** production is estimated at 272,000 tons, up 5 percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 16 tons per acre, down 4 tons from 2004. Acreage cut for silage is estimated at 17,000 acres, up 4,000 acres from last year.
- **Alfalfa Hay** production is estimated at 68,000 tons, down 39 percent from 2004. Yield is estimated at 2.70 tons per acre, down 1 ton from 2004. Harvested acreage is estimated at 25,000, down 5,000 acres from 2004.
- **Other Hay** production is estimated at 144,000 tons, down 16 percent from 2004. Yield is estimated at 1.60 tons per acre, down 0.30 ton from 2004. Harvested acreage remains unchanged at 90,000 acres.
- **Soybean** production decreased from 4.33 million bushels in 2004 to 2.55 million bushels in 2005, down 41 percent. Yield is estimated at 28 bushels per acre, down 14 bushels from last year. The 10-year average yield is 31.3 bushels per harvested acre. Area harvested for beans is estimated at 91,000 acres, down 12,000 acres from last year.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn, Hay, and Soybeans

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
<i>NEW JERSEY</i>		<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Units</i>		<i>Thousand Units</i>	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	72	62	143.0	122.0	10,296.0	7,564.0
Corn for Silage	Tons	13	17	20.0	16.0	260.0	272.0
Hay, All	Tons	120	115	2.35	1.84	282.0	212.0
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	30	25	3.70	2.70	111.0	68.0
Other Hay	Tons	90	90	1.90	1.60	171.0	144.0
Soybeans	Bu.	103	91	42.0	28.0	4,326.0	2,548.0
<i>UNITED STATES</i>		<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Units</i>		<i>Million Units</i>	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	73,631	75,107	160.4	147.9	11,807.1	11,112.1
Corn for Silage	Tons	6,101	5,920	17.6	18.0	107.3	106.3
Hay, All	Tons	61,966	61,649	2.55	2.44	158.2	150.6
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	21,707	22,389	3.48	3.38	75.5	75.8
Other Hay	Tons	40,259	39,260	2.06	1.91	82.8	74.8
Soybeans	Bu.	73,958	71,361	42.2	43.3	3,123.7	3,086.4

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